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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONVENTION

REF: STATE 202884

- 1. POL COUNSELOR REVIEWED WITH MEA LEGAL ADVISOR JAGOTA ON "INFORMAL BASIS" INTEREST OF USG IN NEGOTIATING A BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH GOI, DRAWING ON REFTEL. JAGOTA ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHAT ASPECTS OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE US ONCE THE GOI RATIFIED THE VIENNA CONVENTION. POLCOUNSELOR FOCUSED ON CONSULAR ACCESS AND ATTENDANCE AT TRIAL.
- 2. JAGOTA SAID HE WOULD SPEAK WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND CONVEY OUR "INFORMAL APPROACH AND WOULD LET EMBASSY KNOW GOI REACTION.
- 3. COMMENT: JAGOTA OBSERVED THAT GOI WOULD PROBABLY BE SIGNING BILATERAL CONSULAR AGREEMENTS WITH SEVERAL EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES MODELED ON THE INDO-SOVIET CONVENTION. HE EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATIONS AS TO WHETHER GOI WOULD FIND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT IN ITS INTEREST TO HAVE VARIETY OF BILATERALS WITH

SLIGHTLY VARYING PROVISIONS AND MUSED THAT PROVISION PROVIDING FOR CONSULAR ACCESS TO ALL TRIALS MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT.

4. JAGOTA SAID ABSENCE OF INDIAN ACTION ON VIENNA CONVENTION WAS ESSENTIALLY HAS FAULT SINCE HE HAD SIMPLY NOT HAD TIME TO FOCUS ON TWO-THREE DAYS' WORK WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY TO RESOLVE FEW QUESTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED WITHIN GOI ON CERTAIN PROVISIONS. HE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE CONVENTION WILL BE RATIFIED WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS. FOLLOWING THAT, GOI WILL HAVE TO DRAFT IMPLEMENTING LAW WHICH WILL THEN HAVE TO BE PUT THROUGH PARLIAMENT. THIS WHOLE PROCESS COULD DELAY FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF CONVENTION FOR FURTHER NUMBER OF MONTHS.

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